

DETAIL OF U.S. OFFICER AS DIRECTOR OF MILITARY SCHOOL AND ACADEMY

*Exchange of notes at San Salvador March 25, 1943, modifying and
extending contract of March 27, 1941*

Entered into force March 25, 1943

*Superseded by contract of May 21, 1943*¹

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The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Minister

[TRANSLATION]

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
REPUBLIC OF EL SALVADOR, C.A.

DIPLOMATIC SECTION
A.820 D.708

NATIONAL PALACE
SAN SALVADOR, *March 25, 1943*

MR. MINISTER:

I have received from the Minister of National Defense note no. 2439, dated yesterday, which states:

"Mr. Minister: I have the honor to inform you that there will expire on the 26th of March the contract concluded on the 27th of March 1941² between the Government of El Salvador and that of the United States of America by virtue of which the American Government placed at the disposal of the Government of this Republic the technical and professional services of an officer of the Army of that nation to assume charge of the Military School and annexed Military Academy of this country, sending for that purpose Colonel Robert L. Christian; and the Government of El Salvador, desiring to continue to avail itself of the services of Colonel Christian or of another American Army officer who may be designated by the United States, very earnestly requests you to make the necessary inquiries for the purpose of ascertaining whether the American Government is willing that such services continue to be rendered under the same conditions established in the contract referred to, and accepting also the modification requested by the Minister of the United States in his note no. 1271 of December 14 last, forwarded by

¹ EAS 328, *post*, p. 574.

² EAS 214, *ante*, p. 545.

the office in your charge to this Ministry on the 19th of that same month, with respect to the annual compensation of \$2,652 for the American officer serving in the positions mentioned. Awaiting your esteemed reply I take pleasure in repeating to you, Mr. Minister, the assurances of my distinguished consideration. A. I. Menéndez."

From the statements above transcribed I infer that the contract of March 27, 1941 may continue in effect until it is substituted by another, if your Government so directs.

Consequently, and in agreement with the Minister for National Defense, General Andrés I. Menéndez, I take pleasure in informing Your Excellency that my Government will consider said contract as having been extended *de facto* under the conditions above specified if Your Excellency indicates his conformity in the reply to be made to this note.

I renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest and distinguished consideration.

A. R. AVILA

His Excellency WALTER THURSTON
*Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary
 of the United States of America,
 San Salvador.*

The American Minister to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

LEGATION OF THE
 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
San Salvador, March 25, 1943

No. 49

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's esteemed note No. A.820 D.706, of March 25, 1943, in which is transcribed the communication (No. 2439, of March 24) addressed to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs by His Excellency General Andrés I. Menéndez, the Minister of National Defense, with respect to the Contract of March 27, 1941 governing the detail of an Officer of the United States Army to serve as Director of the Military School and of the Military Academy of El Salvador.

In response, I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that the Government of the United States is agreeable to the extension of the Contract under the terms indicated in Note No. 2439, addressed to your Ministry by His Excellency the Minister of National Defense, until such time as it shall be substituted by another contract.

It is understood that Your Excellency's Note under acknowledgment

and this Note of reply constitute an exchange of notes effecting extension of the Contract of March 27, 1941, in the manner above described.

I avail myself of the opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

WALTER THURSTON
American Minister

His Excellency
Dr. ARTURO RAMÓN AVILA
Minister of Foreign Affairs